

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for
2 approving and paying an invoice for commodities triggered by
3 a three way match whereby said invoice must match terms and
4 conditions of a purchase order, and goods received must
5 match those stated in quality and quantity against said
6 purchase order, comprising the steps of:

7 receiving a requisition from a requestor of
8 commodities;

9 marking said commodities upon said requisition as
10 either receivable or non-receivable commodities;

11 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

12 matching said invoice to said purchase order;

13 generating from said invoice a notification to said
14 requestor of commodities that includes information
15 needed to pay the invoice and a selectable button for

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16 authorizing or rejecting payment to enable said three
17 way match by said requestor of goods received, purchase
18 order, and invoice;

19 for commodities marked as receivable, executing a
20 positive confirmation process including:

21 responsive to authorization by said requestor,
22 creating an automated receipt transaction file and
23 entering said transaction file into an enterprise
24 resource planning system for payment; and

25 responsive to rejection by said requestor,
26 creating an e-mail notification to accounts
27 payable for returning said invoice to said vendor;

28 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a
29 negative confirmation process.

1 2. [Canceled]

1 3. [Canceled]

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1 4. [Canceled]

1 5. [Canceled]

6. [Canceled]

1 7. [Canceled]

1 8. [Canceled]

1 9. [Canceled]

2 10. [Original] The method of claim 9, further comprising
3 the step on a scheduled basis of executing a bridge for
4 sending data from said database to said back-end procurement
5 services system for new invoice items for which payment has
6 been accepted.

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1 11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising
2 the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end
3 procurement services system said new invoice items for which
4 payment has been accepted.

1 12. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 directing said authorizer to review a positive
4 confirmation notice within a front-end requisition and
5 catalog system;

6 responsive to said authorizer logging in to said front-
7 end system, displaying said notification.

1 13. [Currently amended] System for approving and paying an
2 invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match
3 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a
4 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated
5 in quality and quantity against said purchase order,
6 comprising:

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7 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-
8 end server for marking said commodities upon
9 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable
10 commodities;

11 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving
12 positive confirmation notices and providing positive
13 confirmation responses;

14 a back-end procurement services system;

15 said front-end system responsive to receiving an
16 invoice from said back-end system marked at time or
17 requisition as a non-receivable commodity that was
18 sourced from said front-end server of executing a
19 negative confirmation process for payment
20 authorization;

21 said front-end server being responsive receiving an
22 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of
23 requisition as a receivable commodity for executing a
24 positive confirmation process for payment authorization
25 including matching said invoice to said purchase order.
26 generating from said invoice a notification to an

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27 authorizer that includes information needed to pay the
28 invoice and a selectable button for authorizing or
29 rejecting payment to enable said three way match by
30 said requestor of goods received, purchase order, and
31 invoice; and

32 said front-end server being responsive to authorization
33 by said authorizer for an invoice received for a
34 commodity marked at requisition as a receivable
35 commodity for creating an automated receipt transaction
36 file and entering said transaction file into said back-
37 end system for payment.

1 14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Canceled]

16. [Canceled]

1 17. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions

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3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 approving and paying an invoice for commodities triggered by
5 a three way match whereby said invoice must match terms and
6 conditions of a purchase order, and goods received must
7 match those stated in quality and quantity against said
8 purchase order, said method steps comprising:

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10 marking said commodities upon requisition as either
11 receivable or non-receivable commodities;

12 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

13 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity
14 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,
15 executing a negative confirmation process for payment
16 authorization;

17 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity
18 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity,
19 executing a positive confirmation process for payment
20 authorization, including:

21 matching said invoice to said purchase order;

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22 generating from said invoice a notification to an
23 authorizer that includes information needed to pay
24 the invoice and a selectable button for
25 authorizing or rejecting payment to enable said
26 three way match by said requestor of goods
27 received, purchase order, and invoice; and

28 responsive to authorization by said authorizer,
29 creating an automated receipt transaction file and
30 entering said transaction file into a system for
31 payment.

1 18. [Canceled]

2 19. [Currently amended] A computer program product for
3 approving and paying an invoice for commodities triggered by
4 a three way match whereby said invoice must match terms and
5 conditions of a purchase order, and goods received must
6 match those stated in quality and quantity against said
7 purchase order, comprising:

8 a computer readable medium;

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9 first program instructions for receiving a requisition
10 for commodities from a requestor and marking said
11 commodities selectively as receivable and non-
12 receivable commodities;

13 second program instructions for receiving said invoice
14 for commodities from a vendor;

15 third program instructions responsive to receiving an
16 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a
17 receivable commodity for executing a positive
18 confirmation process including matching said invoice to
19 said purchase order, generating from said invoice a
20 notification to said requestor that includes
21 information needed to pay the invoice and a selectable
22 button for authorizing or rejecting payment to enable
23 said three way match by said requestor of goods
24 received, purchase order, and invoice, and responsive
25 to authorization by said authorizer, creating an
26 automated receipt transaction file and entering said
27 transaction file into a system for payment;

28 fourth program instructions responsive to receiving an
29 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a non-

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30 receivable commodity for executing a negative
31 confirmation process; and wherein

32 said first, second, third and fourth program
33 instructions are recorded on said medium.

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